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FM AMEMBASSY TUNIS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6891

INFO AMEMBASSY LONDON PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY PARIS PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY ROME PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY VALLETTA IMMEDIATE

CINCUSNAVEUR PRIORITY

COMSIXTHFLT PRIORITY

EUCOM PRIORITY

SECDEF WASHDC PRIORITY

USDOCOSOUTH NAPLES ITALY PRIORITY

C O N F I D E N T I A L TUNIS 3690

CINCUSNAVEUR, COMSIXTHFLT, EUCOM, USDOCOSOUTH ALSO PASS POLADS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PLOS, ENRG, TS, OY, IT

SUBJECT: TUNISIAN/LIBYAN CONTINENTAL SHELF DISPUTE: ARRIVAL
OF AMERICAN DRILLING RIG IN DISPUTED AREA - REQUEST
FOR PRESS GUIDANCE

REF: VALLETTA 595 (NOTAL), TUNIS 3429, TUNIS 3022, PARIS 15376,
STATE 11716

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1. WITH "J.W. BATES" EXPECTED TO HAVE REACHED VICINITY OF PROPOSED
DRILLING SITE IN DISPUTED AREA ABOUT 110 HOURS TODAY, REQUEST
PROMPT DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE ON PRESS HANDLING.

2. WHETHER OR NOT SHIP'S ARRIVAL IS ACCOMPANIED BY GOT LEGAL
ACTION, OR INCIDENT, STORY LIKELY TO BREAK ANY MOMENT IN LOCAL
PRESS. REPORT IN PARIS 15376 THAT FRENCH LIKELY TO FOLLOW

"AMERICAN" PRECEDENT HEIGHTENS POTENTIAL PROBLEM OF TUNISIAN
REACTION TO READING AND BATES OPERATION.

3. I WOULD HOPE TO BE IN POSITION PROMPTLY TO DEPLORE DECISION
OF INTERESTED PARTIES, INCLUDING AMERICAN OWNERS; TO EXPRESS
LONG-STANDING USG POLICY OF OPPOSITION TO EMPLOYMENT OF US
CREWS OR SHIPS IN INHERENTLY DANGEROUS DISPUTED ZONES, AND TO
OUTLINE STEPS TAKEN BY USG - INCLUDING VELIOTES' LETTER,
HANSELL CONVERSATION WITH BATES, AND CONSULTATIONS WITH AMBASS-
ADOR HEDDA - WITH VIEW TO DETERRING IRRESPONSIBLE ACTION WHICH
WE ULTIMATELY WERE WITHOUT LEGAL RECOURSE TO BLOCK.

2. ASSUME DEPARTMENT REPEATING VALLETTA 595 TO OTHER ADDRESSEES.
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